INSTALLATION SERVICE

THE REVEREND JOHN R. SABATELLI

Pastor

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Charles and Hill Streets

Baltimore, Maryland 21230

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 1983

4:00 P.M.

THE INSTALLATION OF
THE REVEREND JOHN R. SABATELLI

PRELUDE: Concerto in C Major (Allegro-Largo-Allegro) .....Antonio Vivaldi

HYMN 131: "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!" .....*Morgenlied*

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THIS IS THE FEAST, pages 81-82

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your Word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:6-8

PSALM 100, "All People That On Earth Do Dwell" .....Ralph Vaughan Williams

Congregation and Choir:

Verse 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Verse 2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Choir: Verses 3 and 4

Congregation and Choir:

Verse 5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:3-11

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GOSPEL: John 1:1-5, 10-14, 16-18

HYMN 315: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" .....*Hyfrydol*

SERMON: "PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL" .....Pastor Alderfer

ANTHEM: "Veni Creator Spiritus" .....Sarum Plainsong, Mode VIII

1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sev'n-fold gifts impart.

2. Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded sight.

3. Anoint and cheer our soiled face
With the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far our foes; give peace at home;
Where thou art guide, no ill can come.

4. Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And thee, of both, to be but one;
That through the ages all along
Thy praise may be our endless song!

5. Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PARTICIPANTS

The Reverend Eugene Alexander
Installing Minister
Dean of the Baltimore-South Quadrant
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Director of Music

The Christ Church Choir

James W. Wilmer
Master of Ceremonies

Immediately following the Service there will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall. During the reception you will have an opportunity to greet the Pastor, Jane, Elissa and Andrew.

We are happy that you have participated in this Installation Service; your presence adds to the joy of this occasion.

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Tours of the Christ Church Complex including the Church, the Deaton Medical Center and the Christ Church Harbor Apartments will be given at 2:30 and 6:00 p.m. The tours will begin in the Nave.

INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND JOHN RAYMOND SABATELLI AS THE SIXTH PASTOR OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: "Alleluia! We Sing With Joy" .....Jacob Handl

Alleluia! We sing with joy the song of life eternal! Alleluia!
Come, all ye sons of men and sing, Alleluia!
With Christ o'er sin and shame victorius! Alleluia!
Death hath no more dominion o'er us, Alleluia!

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COMMUNION—

HYMNS: 525, 549

ANTHEM: "In Thee Is Gladness" .....C. V. Stanford

In thee is gladness, amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart!
By thee are given the gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art!
Our souls thou wakest, our bonds thou breakest,
Who trusts thee surely, hath built securely, He stands forever: Hallelujah!
Our hearts are pining, to see thy shining,
Dying or living to thee are cleaving,
Nought can us sever. Hallelujah!

HYMNS: 409, 210, 135, 143, 145

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HYMN 170: "Crown Him With Many Crowns" .....*Diademata*

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The Reverend John Raymond Sabatelli, the sixth pastor of Christ Church, was born on March 26, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York. He attended New York City public schools and graduated from Queens College with honors in 1963 where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

Confirmed at St. Luke, Woodhaven, New York on Pentecost, 1959, he attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, graduating in 1971. He interned at St. John's in Summit, New Jersey and served Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh, New York as the associate pastor from 1971-1975. He came to Baltimore from Christ Lutheran Church, Islip Terrace, New York where he was pastor from 1975-1983. In addition to his pastoral responsibilities he was coordinator for Stewardship for the Metropolitan New York Synod.

He and his wife, Jane, were married in June 1972 and have two children, Elissa Marie and Andrew Christian.

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Student notes

Apostles/Pastors of Christ Lutheran Church

Leander M. Zimmerman
1887-1925
"Founder"

Leander M. Zimmerman was called by the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod to develop an English speaking Lutheran Church in South Baltimore. Pastor Zimmerman immediately began an extensive canvass of the neighborhood, encouraging individuals and families to become a part of the new venture. When he retired in 1925 Christ Church was the largest Protestant church in Maryland. A noted author and poet, Dr. Zimmerman wrote, "Our greatest purpose is not to have an imposing church building nor the accumulation of worldly gains, but to glorify God in the salvation of souls for His kingdom."

Oscar F. Blackwelder
1925-1933
"Preacher"

Oscar F. Blackwelder was a talented administrator. He organized the first regular church staff. Under his leadership the Christ Church Luther League was established. Attendance grew rapidly to approximately 600 members, making this the largest young people's society in the United Lutheran Church. A "silver-tongued orator," he was nationally known as an eloquent preacher with an extensive radio audience following. Under his direction a building fund was created so that the work of the congregation could continue effectively.

John L. Deaton
1933-1960
"Builder"

John L. Deaton recognized the need of the congregation for more adequate facilities. A capital fund drive was instituted to add to the money already collected. The resulting Parish House was dedicated in Dr. Zimmerman's honor in 1936. When the time came to build a new church Dr. Deaton strongly defended the idea of keeping Christ Church at its existing location in the city. "If we ever leave here, we shall be just another 'run-of-the-mill' church . . . God placed us here, prospered us here, and wants us to remain here." The new Christ Church was completed in the late 1950s. Dr. Deaton served as President of the Board of Higher Education of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Warren C. Johnson
1961-1964
"Prophet"

Warren C. Johnson was pastor during a time of great social change. He was an excellent and popular preacher with a deep spiritual concern for those he served. A champion of serving the poor and disenfranchised, Dr. Johnson stressed greater congregational involvement in the community and throughout the greater Baltimore area. During his tenure the congregation adopted a new constitution in which the word "English" was dropped from its name because all but one Lutheran church in Baltimore were English-speaking.

Carl W. Folkemer
1965-1982
"Visionary"

Carl W. Folkemer, fifth in a long line of ministerial sons of Christ Church, understood the history, accomplishments, spirit, and needs of the congregation. Under his leadership the Greater Christ Church Committee was formed to study the pressing physical and spiritual needs in the Baltimore area and to identify ways that the congregation could help meet them. The resulting project, which included the building of the Deaton Specialty Hospital and Home and Christ Church Harbor Apartments adjacent to the church, was heralded across the country as an unique and outstanding venture by an individual congregation.

Teaching notes

CHRIST CHURCH'S FIVE FORMER PASTORS

Zimmerman, Leander M. (1887-1925)

- "Founder" - Established Christ English Lutheran Church in 2 ½ weeks
- Pastor for 38 years
- Triumph Hall
- Church formally organized on 2-5-1888; 220 members
- New Sailors City Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church
  renovated - dedication 11-25-1888
- Highlights-
  Ladies' Aid Society
  Thank Offering
  2nd year Christmas tree
  Christian Kindergarten
  Pastor's Indicator - fore runner of Harbor Lights
  Used houses on Hull Street
  1st public address system
- Evening Sun article: "Our greatest purpose is not to have an imposing church building nor the accumulation of worldly gains, but to glorify God in the salvation of souls for His kingdom. We would as a congregation, therefore, not only work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, but in God's hands be an agency for the spiritual leavening of the world so far as it lies within our power. With the Master we would go forth and make disciples of all nations, whether it be the foreigner abroad or the man in our own country just across the street or around the corner..."
- Retired in 1925 - preached Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving for 25 more years.

Blackwelder, Oscar (1925 - 1933)

- "Preacher"
- Pastor for 8 years, concern about church after Zimmerman retired
- Luther League formed - largest in United Lutheran Church
- Christmas Day celebration 6:00 am - came by streetcar
- New Year's Eve watchnight
- Special Holy Week services
- Eloquent speaker/preacher - weekly radio shows "YMCA Pulpit" and "Lighted Window"
- Church library
- church became too small - inadequate restrooms and trouble with keeping church plant in repair
- Started building fund - slowed by depression

Deaton, John - (1933 - 1960)

- "Builder"
- Pastor for 27 years
- Immediately started capital fund drive
- New Parish House dedicated 1936 in honor of Zimmerman. (Architect - Froman)

Overflow room connected to church; Children's Chapel - all women's names; Bas-relief of Zimmerman.

- Church then renovated to fit in with new buildings
- Anniversary Sunday - 1937 (50 years); 5000 people participate
- Eva Zumbrun 1948 - secretary until 1981 (33 years)
- Church suppers
- Church services broadcast 11:00 - Dr. Deaton also on radio/TV
- Termites discovered in old church - floor fell through - was supported by parish house & organ chamber - must build or move
- Dr. Deaton: "Let no one say that our location is not good. That has always been our excuse for doing nothing. The unique thing about our church, and that which makes it the 'talk' of our city and the whole church, is that we maintain our strength and give such an effective witness in this location. If we ever leave here, we shall be just another 'run-of-the-mill' church and only about one-third our present strength. God placed us here, prospered us here, and wants us to remain here. We can be a much greater church than we now are if we stop making excuses and put our hands and hearts and pocketbooks to the task that God has given us to do."
- Ground broken 1955 - church dedicated 1958. Rooms included a new church parlor, large class room. Cost over 1 million. Only religious building built in Baltimore's inner city in 50 years.
- Bell tower 1958; Frank Hubbard - carillonneur
- Last message - Tank Offering letter - "God does his best for us. Let us always do our best for him."

Johnson, Warren (1961-1964)

- "Prophet"
- Pastor 3 years
- Programs added and others times changed
- "English" dropped from title
- free will offerings only - no fund raisers
- Area at low point - 1960's; Little Italy protected by men with guns
- He felt the church was not relating to the community and its problems. Wanted a social worker to work in community. Up for vote - congregation very divided - he said, "pass or I will leave." Lost by few votes. It was his fault for putting it that way. It was like a civil war.

Folkemer, Carl (1965 - 1982)

- "Visionary"
- Pastor for 17 years
- Homegrown - baptized by Zimmerman, confirmed by Blackwelder, & married by Deaton
- Pastor/preacher for 23 years before he came
- Congregation felt they could trust Carl. His father was loved (Paul). He had a conversion experience. "If you save my wife I will never drink again and will serve you."
- Social ministry project in neighborhood
- Meals On Wheels

- Tuesday healing services
- Christ Church Concert Association
- Greater Christ Church Committee - physical and spiritual needs
- Christ church Complex proposed - (social ministry) Medical center 1969?, Apartment building 1974, garage
- Retired 1982
- From 1971 anniversary sermon: "The glory and the praise belong first to God. With God, all things are possible. All God needs is a man, a woman, a child a congregation that is responsive to His grace and power and love. We are the stewards of His grace. All that is needed is that we be found faithful. If all we attempt to do . . . conforms to His will and uses His grace, we can never fail."

Zimmerman the Writer

Zimmerman wrote in almost all the available literary forms of his day--theological works, scholarly works, sermons, stories, prayers, poetry, devotional collections, hymns, manuals, and columns. The only common literary form not represented in his works is a play.

Theological Works:

Expository Thoughts on Pilgrim's Progress, 1899. In this work he endorses Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan, 1678, "as the book, the only book, next to the Bible. He expounds on the story of a pilgrim as well as upon his own themes in his ministry and writing. "Not too surprising, he is concerned that our faith in Christ and His Kingdom should come first in our lives" (p. 22).

The Child and the Church, 1906. This booklet was written as a baptismal manual. Home baptism was common in Baltimore up to WWII. He used this vehicle to discuss infant baptism.

The Church of Our Faith, 1923. In this booklet he describes the purpose, mission, and practices of the Lutheran Church.

The Shepherding of Souls, 1932. This is a lecture which is divided into 15 sections which deal with typical ministry situations--preaching, visiting the sick, conducting funerals, etc.

Inspirational Works:

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Devotional Tracts:

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Creative Works:

Novels are all about women.
Poetry is simple and straight forward in pattern and manner of speech and rhyme.
Hymns were sometimes adapted from his poetry. He wrote most of them after he retired.

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Student notes

ROSES WILL BLOOM AGAIN

By L. M. ZIMMERMAN, D. D.
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Time brings its varied hap'nings
And each must have a share,
Whether of joy or sadness
For all we must prepare.
No one's exempt from trouble
Some days we need for rain,
But though we have our sorrows,
"Roses will bloom again."

Grain crushed by heavy rainfalls
Will oft again arise;
So help and do not hinder
Others to win the prize.
Though crushed by some misfortune
Where sin has left a stain,
Yet by a loving Father
"Roses will bloom again."

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A kiss heals many a wound.
Make your home sweet with kisses
And send good cheer around.
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EACH wasted chance for good,
Is your own loss.
Each song you fail to sing,
Is your own loss.
You may refuse to serve,
Another will step forth;
And when the work's all done,
The loss is yours.

Each soul you fail to save,
Is your own loss.
Each heart you fail to cheer,
Is your own loss.
Some one will nobly rise,
And do that which is right;
The joy will then be his,
The loss is yours.

Each worship you neglect,
Is your own loss.
Each off'ring you withhold
Is your own loss.
Loyal souls will the needs,
Of God's blest work behold;
They'll give and worship God,
The loss is yours.

Each unkind word you speak,
Is your own loss.
Each heart you cause to bleed,
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Others will bless and save,
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allegory - a symbolic narrative

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The Church of Our Faith, 1923. In this booklet he describes the purpose, mission, and practices of the Lutheran Church. This is a primary vehicle for his understanding of the importance of the Church's mission which reflects his own mission. "Not only is our church Evangelical in her creed and belief, but she is Evangelistic in her life and practice. The winning of souls for Christ is her great purpose. In this respect she is a missionary church, sending the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the world" (pp. 26-27).

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Teaching notes

Christ Church Community

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1892, Jubilee Day--church free from indebtedness. 1894 m/s was 915. Zimmerman had baptized 455 children by this time. The congregation was again beginning to outgrow its facility. By the 20th anniversary attendance adv. 717 and there were 225 on SS roll. "Rare was there an empty pew during church services, with even the Wednesday night prayer service having large gatherings." In 1915 2,000 people attended the SS picnic in Druid Hill Park.

Zimmerman understood the power of publicity. He used a variety of promotional materials--booklets, cards, and even distributed buttons with his picture on them.

Zimmerman was a bachelor, "yet married to the church. The church is my bride and the entire congregation of Christ Church my children.

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